

SOUTH METHODISTS.

Progress Made at the Second Day's Session.

REV. MR. GARRISON OF DENVER.

A Brilliant Discourse Last Night to a Congregation That Overflowed.

From the Daily of Tuesday. The venerable Bishop R. W. Hargrave opened yesterday morning's session of the Pacific Annual Conference with an impressive scripture lesson.

The following named committees were elected:

Pen Men—H. M. McKnight, S. R. Campbell.

Public Worship—A. H. Hansacker, C. O. Steel and T. H. Ball.

Bible Cause—J. B. Winton, J. S. Hut-

ton, J. M. Brown, J. Hedgcock, A. L. Paul, J. S. Selby and E. Light.

Education of the World—A. A. Johnson, J. G. Simmons and R. Wilson.

Books and Periodicals—C. Y. Rankin, P. F. Fuge, J. W. Norton, J. Sutherland, D. T. Belval, J. A. Sted, W. A. Hooker, J. G. Simmons and J. Ruddle.

Conference Relations—W. M. Winters, J. M. Alanson, R. F. Allen, A. Adams, J. F. Roberts, J. W. Mahon and B. F. Beasley.

Local Conference Records—J. H. Hart, T. L. Duke, C. N. Gaudier, J. C. Hyden and R. A. Lawrence.

Addresses were made by J. D. Bar-

bee, Dr. J. R. Thompson, agent of the American Bible Society, and Dr. Craig, editor of the California Christian Advocate.

The Evening Services.

Straw hats with curled brims decorated with marigolds and other pale flowers; straw hats with straight brims, straw hats narrow and straw hats wide, trimmed with silk and satin ribbons and lace and feathers, according to the taste and wealth of the wearers; solar bonnets of dark hues, upon the heads of pious matrons, with here and there a bald-headed man to punctuate the beautiful scene of women's elegance.

The crowd was even greater than it was on the night before, and many ladies and gentlemen, who could find no room in the main hall, went away in despite of finding even standing room.

The one small church was not half large enough.

The churches could not have been filled last night with the devout Methodists who wanted to hear the sermon of the Rev. E. A. Garrison of Denver, Col.

The reverend gentleman was an excellent speaker and very entertaining in his manner and matter. He is fluent, graceful, terse and logical, and steers his oratorical boat safely between the Scylla of declamation and the Charybdis of the commonplace. In fact, his spontaneous and sincere from the great charity of his discourse.

THE DISCOURSE.

His text was taken from the sixth verse of the Fifth Chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. He called it a letter, and more understandable than the Greek text, and more suited to his audience.

"Who will render to every man according to his deed."

He began by explaining that in his Colorado home he had been suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs, and that the dusty ride in the cars to Fresno had irritated his lungs, "but," he added, "I am one of those who, when I hear the command to go, go."

If all the weak-lunged men of Colorado have such full, round, strong voices as the reverend gentleman, the strong-lunged men of the world will be glad to hear him address open air congregations in a mile in diameter.

The following synopsis but feebly conveys the excellence of the speaker's style. He should be heard to be appreciated.

THE ANTI-SLAVE EXHIBIT.

This world of ours, viewed from a geographical standpoint, is divided into different kingdoms, republics, and empires. At their heads we have kings, emperors and presidents, and their respective parliaments, empires, assemblies and senates. From these are issued laws for the guidance of the people. Obedience to these laws will insure liberty, and the disobedience to these laws will insure punishment. If we are to have a government, we must have laws, and if we have laws, we must have a government.

When we look out upon this world with geographical lines obliterated, we behold the Lord as the King of kings. He is the King of kings, and he has ordained that he should be obeyed. He has ordained that he should be obeyed, and he has ordained that he should be obeyed.

Several weeks ago an auction jewelry store was opened in Markwite's old stand on Mariposa street, and Rocky Thorne by ringing the bell and shouting "Bargains in watches, diamonds and fine jewelry." In connection the firm conducted a repairing department. N. L. F. Bachman, some time ago, brought a watch to the store to be repaired. This morning Mr. Bachman called to get it, having sold his rain crop. On the door he found this printed inscription: "Come to dinner; will be back in a few minutes." Mr. Bachman looked into the store only to find the shelves vacant. The watch is still at dinner—Last Night's Exhibit.

Progress of the Canal.

The big canal which is being constructed to carry water on 15,000 acres, a few miles west of this city, is progressing rapidly. The canal is built from the main canal near the Eggers vineyard, and is to extend eighteen miles. It was commenced three weeks ago. It is to be sixty feet wide and six feet deep in the middle, sloping gradually to the sides. Four miles of the ditch have been completed. Fifty-five men, 180 horses and numerous scrapers are employed in the work, which is expected to be finished by the middle of next November.

A WAT REPLY.

The speaker related an anecdote of a shepherd who asked an eight-year-old girl, "Child, tell me where your God is?"

SPORTS AND GAMES.

The Palm-Leaf Wheelmen Arranging for Practice.

FASHIONABLE LADY BICYCLISTS.

A Suggestion That the Homing Pigeon Should Be Introduced Into Fresno.

Communications for this department should be signed with the name and the possible address of the writer, and addressed, "Sports Department."

The Palm-Leaf Wheelmen of this city omitted their usual bicycle run this month, on account of the death of J. T. Stocker, father of W. W. Stocker, one of their leading members.

They propose to occupy their new rooms in the Fresno Loan and Savings Bank building in about two weeks time.

C. H. Tripp, the President of the club, told a reporter yesterday that the streets and roads were too dusty now for bicycle practice, and that they would have to wait until after the first rain before making any more excursions.

Owing to the fact that the club has no practice track, the members have not timed their speed, and it yet remains an unknown quantity.

About a year ago Mr. Tripp and W. W. Stocker took a ride to Malaga, the longest trip made by any member of the club. They left here at 9:15 A. M. and arrived at their destination at noon, thus covering the twenty-two miles in 2 1/2 hours, an average of eight miles an hour, over a soft, sandy road. Good time or average time for even long rides cannot be made on the Fresno county strips of sand, called by courtesy roads.

A LONG TRIP.

It is likely that at an early day several wheelmen will make the trip by bicycle from here to Oakland for a record for 200 miles, and return by train.

The Directors of the Fair Grounds Association here not yet decided to build a track for the club, or if they have, they have not yet given notice of that fact.

The wheelmen have asked for a quarter mile track to be built inside the fair grounds, after it has become second-hand.

A first-class bicycle of the average size will cost from \$100 to \$125, while a first-class safety bicycle, which is now becoming the most popular, may be bought for \$40. A person cannot be injured by losing his balance on the safety, as his feet are always only a few inches from the ground.

THE COST OF A CYCLE.

"What will a bicycle cost, and want a cheap one do as well for a learner as an expensive one?" is a question that is often asked by overworked clerks, who system requires strengthening by outdoor exercise. If the Director cannot be avoided both by beginners and old-timers for several reasons. The cheap article will not give the same satisfaction even when new, and it cannot be sold to a second-hand dealer. It has become second-hand.

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THE LADIES RIDE.

Bicycle riding is becoming a fashionable fad among ladies in the Eastern States. The Brooklyn correspondent of New York paper says:

There is not a prettier sight in all Brooklyn than that of a handsome married woman and her brown-eyed golden-haired daughter mounted on a pair of safety bicycles gliding swiftly and gracefully down Bedford avenue on a summer afternoon. The woman is Mrs. Fannie W. Oakley, pioneer of bicycling among the ladies of Brooklyn and Eastern States. The Brooklyn Cycle Club. It was through Mrs. Oakley's efforts, some eighteen months ago, that the practice of bicycling among ladies was imported from Washington and introduced into Brooklyn.

The ladies here at first lifted their hands in horror at the idea. They watched the experiment with eager interest, however, and when they saw the delicate woman grow strong and vigorous through the healthful exercise, and that, too, without sacrificing in the slightest degree her feminine modesty, concluded it was a pretty good thing after all, and decided to adopt it.

THE SAFETY.

The safety bicycle is taking the place of other wheels. It is much lighter than the tricycle and, having less friction, is more easily operated. The bar connecting the wheel is so shaped that a lady can mount and ride the machine without the slightest danger of disarranging her skirts.

The Ladies' Cycle Club numbers many of the distinguished society ladies of the "City." The ladies have adopted a habit of wearing white riding suits, consisting of a white blouse, a white skirt, and a white jacket. The color of the dress is dark red and grey.

Just at present married women are in the majority among the lady bicyclists of Brooklyn; but their example has been followed by over a hundred young ladies, who are now taking lessons on the safety "bike." The clubroom is now thronged daily with applicants for membership from all parts of the city.

Lady Drivers.

Probably the most ardent patrons of outdoor sports in Wilmington are the daughters of ex-Secretary of State Thomas F. Bayard. The Misses Bayard are four in number—Nannie, Florence, Louisa and Nellie—each of whom can be justly called an accomplished equestrienne. The mysterious way in which the daughters of Delaware's statesman handle the prancing steed is envied by their legions of friends. So adept are they that generally the family coachman is compelled to literally take a back seat, and surrender the reins to one of the young ladies.

While the Misses Bayard are devoted adherents of the most useful of equestrian sports, they are regular patrons of nearly all outdoor sports, especially baseball and lawn tennis.

Fish Law Violators Guilty.

The following dispatch to the News from our fellow-townsmen, Frank Anaya, Deputy Fish Commissioner, shows that he has at last been successful in his efforts to bring to justice the violators of the fish laws:

A HUMAN MONSTER.

A Man Pours Boiling Water Over His Daughter.

THE TRIAL OF MRS. HAMILTON.

A Steamer Aground—Race Troubles. Murderous Brigands—"Jack the Ripper."

New York, September 18.—Oren Hoffman, a hobo, was arrested today, for the brutal treatment of his daughter Mary, aged 13 years. Hoffman, who had been drinking, commenced beating his wife, when the girl interfered, and the man dragged her to the stove, where he deliberately poured a kettle of boiling water over her. She will probably die.

THE HAMILTON TRIAL.

The case to be given to the jury this morning.

"Ways LAMING, N. J., September 18.—The courtroom was crowded this morning with people anxious to hear the proceedings in the case of Mrs. Robert Ray Hamilton, indicted for an atrocious assault upon her child's nurse, Mary Donnelly. Mrs. Hamilton sat beside her counsel and looked pale and worn, her face showing evidence of the strain of close confinement. Mr. Hamilton did not look toward his wife. The jury, seated in the box, were all dressed in black. Mrs. Hamilton frequently sobbed aloud during the selection of the jury, and gave evidence of hopeless despondency. Dr. Crosby, the first witness, described the nature of the assault, and said that Mrs. Donnelly was entirely out of danger. Mrs. Donnelly then testified as to the facts of the assault, and the Court took a recess.

Hamilton's testimony went to show that the nurse was very abusive towards Mrs. Hamilton.

Mrs. Hamilton testified that her husband had been drinking, and that he had also been abusive to her. The jury, after hearing the evidence, retired to consider their verdict.

ASHORE IN A FOG.

A Steamer Past Aground at Long Beach, Sept. 18.—The British steamer Venturina, Captain Thompson, of the New York and Jamaica steamship line, ran ashore about 7:30 o'clock last night in a dense fog opposite the life-saving station at Point Lookout, Long Beach. She had a cargo chiefly of bananas and oranges, and had four passengers. J. L. Sheldon, owner of the cargo, his wife and two children were on board.

Most of the cargo was thrown overboard and the hatchway sealed up. The passengers were taken safely ashore in a lifeboat. The crew of eighteen remained on board the steamer until this morning, when they were rescued by the lifeboat. Hundreds of men went from the mainland to the beach in boats to-day and gathered up barrels of oranges and bunches of bananas, with which the beach was strewn.

THE DUTCH KING.

His Speech on the Opening of Parliament.

The Hague, September 18.—The Dutch Parliament opened to-day. The King's speech congratulated Parliament upon the improvement in trade and manufactures of the country. The finances of the nation, it is said, are in a satisfactory condition. It proposed a modification of the customs tariff on the basis of ad valorem immediately after the conclusion of a treaty of commerce with England. The King also stated that little would be introduced by the Government for the establishment of an obligatory military service and for the organization of a postal and railway service.

Race Troubles.

Montgomery, Ala., September 18.—Considerable excitement prevails at Calera, thirty miles north of this place, over a threatened collision of races. The trouble grows out of the discovery of a negro woman who was found in the arms of a white man. A villainous white man who is at the bottom of the trouble is being sought for, and it is feared that he will be found.

A Missing Heir Found.

Pittsburg, September 18.—A special from Lima, O., says: Hank Monroe Talbot, a well-known colored barber of this city, is thought to be the missing heir to a fortune of \$1,000,000. The property was originally owned by his father, and consists of the real estate upon which the city of Pittsburg is located. He has been employed, counsel to prove his claim. The other heirs, ten children in all, have already appeared in Congressmen Hill of Delaware, O., to prosecute their claim.

THE Charleston.

Washington, September 18.—It is reported that the Union Iron Works Company of San Francisco has decided to charter the cruiser "Albatross" for use as a training ship for the navy.

They Don't Want Much.

Indianapolis, September 18.—The annual Baptist Convention has resolved to-day to ask the city of Indianapolis to contribute \$1,000,000 to the aid of the colored people of the South to be sent to the West.

Is Starving to Death.

Washington, September 18.—The venerable moon, who has a mission to the Athabasca district at Fort

AN OPEN SWITCH.

An East-Bound Passenger Train Wrecked.

A NUMBER OF FOREST FIRES.

Three Children Burned to Death in Pasadena—State Fair Races.

Wenatchee, Kan., September 18.—The east-bound St. Louis and San Francisco train was wrecked near León, Butler county, this morning by an open switch. From Isaac Dean, a wounded passenger, who was brought back here for treatment, it was learned that about a dozen passengers received bodily injuries, several being hurt internally. It is reported to-night that Mrs. Mitchell of Fort Smith, Ark., was dying at Beaumont, where the wounded were taken. The officials of the road deny that anyone received serious injury.

FOREST FIRES.

The flames raging in dangerous proximity to the city of Portland.

Portland, September 18.—Heavy forest fires are now raging in several places near the city. In Clark county, Wash., on the north side of the Columbia river, the fires have taken great damage. The village of Washoukt, near Tacoma, was saved from the flames only by the greatest efforts. The burning districts have suffered much. Houses, barns and other property has been destroyed. At Lewis, seven miles southeast of Portland, the fire has been raging for several days, creating havoc among the farms. The whole country has been out fighting the fire for several days. At the latest accounts the fire is spreading rapidly, threatening the city of Portland.

A FIRE UNDER CONTROL.

Say Maria, September 18.—The total loss by the forest fire, exclusive of timber destroyed, is estimated at \$20,000. The water company's loss is half this amount. The entire Lock-creek dam, 5000 feet long, has been destroyed. The fire is spreading to a radius of a mile, and is not spreading.

IN NEVADA COUNTRY.

Nevada, September 18.—This afternoon a forest fire in Little Lake town ship was got under control. The fire was given, they say, shown the accused guilty of the crime, but the magistracy is afraid to take action.

A Serious Charge.

London, September 18.—Several newspapers of this city charge a Scotch peer with having committed an indecent assault on a young girl. The testimony given, they say, shows the accused guilty of the crime, but the magistracy is afraid to take action.

Rebekah Degree Association.

Contra Costa, September 18.—The Contra Costa Rebekah members, I. O. O. F., today formed a national association, and elected for President Mrs. M. E. Rea of Missouri, Vice-President Louisa B. Hall of Indiana, and Secretary Julia Burroughs of Massachusetts.

Jack, the Ripper, Heard From.

London, September 18.—A letter signed "Jack, the Ripper," has been received at the News Agency of this city, in which the writer states that in about a week another murder will be added to the list of the Whitechapel horrors.

Myagorone Brigands.

Paris, September 18.—Correspondence to the Parisian Journals says that 200 persons are reported to have been murdered and robbed by brigands, in Macedonia, during the past two months.

THE SEA SERPENT.

Old Jim-Jams Off the Coast of Mexico.

The Lower Californian is responsible for the following "fish story," as told to a reporter of that paper by a passenger on the schooner Emma:

"We had been a week out from Santo Domingo, and were out about twenty miles north of Cedros Island, when early one morning we saw a commotion in the water about a mile off. It was a quiet morning, and we were very close. We saw a strange sight. A whale about thirty feet long had been found killed by the monster. At intervals the serpent would rear up out of the sea so that we could catch a glimpse of his entire form. His body was round and his head was pointed like a lance. He was as black as the night, and his eyes were as red as fire. We did not see the eyes, so cannot say if they were the traditional flaming eyes of the monster. On each side of the body were five long, sharp, white teeth, and he looked like the wings of a dragon.

"While feeding on the whale it made a peculiar, horrible wheezing or hissing sound, but when it saw us it stopped and drew away. It was a terrible sight, and we were all startled. It was a half a mile, and we could still see that it kept an eye on us. We made haste and sailed away from that locality, for if it found us it could have done us much harm. It was a most terrifying sight, and we were all greatly shocked. As we sailed north we saw the weird monster return to his prey, and before long the breeze brought the horrible wheezing sound to our ears. That is all that we saw of the monster. It was a terrible sight, and we were all startled. It was a half a mile, and we could still see that it kept an eye on us. We made haste and sailed away from that locality, for if it found us it could have done us much harm. It was a most terrifying sight, and we were all greatly shocked. 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The election frauds in Alabama will be investigated by the United States grand jury.

The deer forests of Scotland rent annually for £10,000. Most of the land is unfit for agriculture.

FARMERS, stock-raisers and fruit-growers are invited to contribute to our agricultural department.

SENATOR SHERRILL will engage actively in the Ohio campaign. The Senator's pole knocks the Buckeye.

The street-paving company should use an additional boiler and work double the number of men now employed.

There is a strong prohibition movement in Iceland. The luxury of cold beer is not a barrier to the movement.

The latest Whitechapel sensation parades more of the nature of a huge practical joke by medical students than a murder.

PERSONS who are willing to earn an honest living are never alarmed at the free expression of opinions on the labor question.

Mrs. FRANK LESLIE is going to marry an ex-Congressman of Ohio. A fortune goes with the lady, and another Ohio man plays in luck.

It might not be out of order for the City Attorney to write a letter to the effect that it is no part of a police officer's duty to keep sober.

JAMES WITCOMB RILEY, who has been ill in health during the summer, is thought to be recovering. Mr. Riley's poems are always healthy.

The first carload of Fresno figs ever shipped East in bulk went out yesterday. This is the beginning of another great dried fruit industry.

Four thousand drummers are hard at work for Chicago as the place for the world's fair. If check wins, Chicago will get there at a gallop.

OHIO Democrats are running a Protectionist for Governor on a free trade platform. As usual, it is a fight for votes, not for principles.

UKIAN has commenced rebuilding her burned district. Railroad facilities have given the town an impetus which cannot be checked by ordinary misfortunes.

THE Las Vegas journals are after the scalps of members of the Senatorial and Land Committee for the slight attention they gave to their duties in New Mexico.

FRESNO county can furnish everything that is necessary to fit out next season's "California on Wheels." Anything found elsewhere in the state can be produced in this county.

GROVER CLEVELAND and wife expect to make an European tour next winter. They will undoubtedly receive a cordial welcome in England, where Mr. Cleveland is a very popular man.

FOUR hundred cigar-makers at Jacksonville, Florida, have struck to have their pay brought to their benches. They ought to specify that it be brought on a silver silver.

THREE trainloads of raisins a week will attract a good deal of attention to our city from Eastern people. Fresno will catch a large share of the visitors who come West this fall.

STATISTICS compiled by a New York Journal give the number of millionaires in the United States at 11,000. This does not include any of the newspaper men of Fresno county.

THE Madera Mercury says the expression "in the soup," grades on the sensibilities of the refined. True: we have felt it ourselves. But Madera soup at 50 cents a plate grades a good deal harder.

EDUCATIONAL matters will receive attention as a special department in tomorrow's REPUBLICAN. Fresno county pedagogues are invited to contribute liberally to our regular weekly educational department.

THE editor of the Inquirer played it pretty smoothly when he credited the item which begins "I stood on the bridge at midnight," to an "exchange." Perhaps he had to put it that way, however, to avoid "burt the town."

SANTA CLARA county talks of erecting a monument to Senator Stanford. The Senator has builded for himself a monument grander than any which can be erected to him by Santa Clara, or all the counties of the state combined.

CHINESE laundrymen of New York City, are endeavoring to form a trust. Laundry combines can hardly be viewed with alarm, as poor people can do their own washing and the rich can afford to pay well for theirs.

IT is announced that Dr. Brown-Sequard still adheres to the belief that his elixir will do all that he claims for it if properly used. He claims that proper attention has not been given to details in the preparation for experiments that have been made in America.

ITALIAN military authorities say that double the number of his has been made in target practice since the use of smokeless powder began. Here's a pointer for our local marksmen. Undoubtedly their scores are due solely to the character of the powder they use.

THE Los Angeles Tribune hits the nail pretty squarely when it says that "the proposition to have the railroads, because of their importance to civilization, run by the government, is about as reasonable as it would be to have the crops raised by the government because of their importance to the people."

HOME-MADE TIMPATES.

With a slight increase of the present import duty on tins, the United States would soon be using home-made tins exclusively. For the year ending June 30, 1889, the people of the United States paid to one of the wealthiest syndicates of Great Britain \$21,222, 953 for tins, notwithstanding the fact that every single item entering into their manufacture can be found within our own borders, and thousands of competent and willing hands are ready for the necessary work.

In view of these facts, no valid objection can be urged against encouraging capital to erect the necessary establishments, with the view of saving the country of its dependence upon a foreign monopoly for one of the indispensable necessities of every household.

The prominent items required for making 735,737,000 pounds of tinsplate brought last year, are, in round numbers, 90,000 tons iron ore, 325,000 tons limestone, 1,750,000 tons coal, 317,000 tons pig iron, 5,250,000 bushels charcoal, 5,250,000 pounds lead, 20,250,000 pounds tin, 10,500,000 pounds tallow, 3,250,000 pounds sulphuric acid, and about 11,000,000 feet of lumber.

The present tariff on tinsplate is 1 cent per pound. With a slight increase to partly offset the difference in cost of labor here and in England, American capital and enterprise will be found to take hold of the business, when, so far as prices are concerned, our experience with the steel rail manufacture is likely to be repeated. But the same class of economists who fought protection to domestic steel rail manufacture, under which prices have been reduced to one-fifth the former standard, are fighting protection to tinplate manufacture—and protection to tinplate manufacture—alleged fear of raising the price. Blind to the advantages of experience, they deny the advantage of domestic competition in supplying the home market with home labor, and utilizing our unlimited natural resources, and insist that we shall continue to send abroad \$68,500 per year for labor and materials no better than are to be found at our doors.

Raisin picking has already begun in San Diego county, and also in the Riverside district. The press of the latter place considers the time of beginning ten days too early, the growers insisting the work, at the sacrifice of quality, for the sake of competing with the Fresno producers, who have the advantage on account of the greater heat of that section, which ripens the grapes earlier.—Los Angeles Tribune.

Rush their work and sacrifice quality for time as they may, the Fresno raisin pack is fully three weeks in advance of any other district in the state. As a raisin-growing section Fresno has every advantage enjoyed by any other district, and advantages besides which are found in no other portion of the state, north or south.

THE Santa Rosa Board of Education has made it a rule to peremptorily "fine" any teacher found reading a novel during school hours. The strange part of the matter is that such a rule should be necessary. School hours are short, and no teacher worthy of the name can find time during those hours for idleness or recreation. Many conscientious teachers devote hours outside the school session to the study of their profession, and then find sufficient time to read "The Quick or the Dead" and other things necessary for those who would enter society's charmed circle.

AFTER all the conflicting reports that have been received in regard to the fate of the Emin Pasha relief expedition sent into the unexplored region of the Upper Nile in charge of Henry M. Stanley, it now appears quite certain that the mission of the great explorer has been successfully accomplished, and the expedition has set out upon its return. Should Stanley reach the coast again in safety and give out a favorable report upon the country through which he has traversed, there will be an effort made to colonize the "dark continent." Civilization will then penetrate the interior of Africa, and who dare say what empires, constitutional monarchies or republics may rise during the coming generations? The country may never become more to be civilized mankind than it is now, but we believe that the visit of Stanley marks a new and better era for Central Africa and the slave dealing tribes who inhabit it.

LAST July a party of fifty men and women were sent to Europe to investigate the actual condition of working people in the old countries. The members of this party were selected because they were intelligent working people themselves, and for the purpose of bettering the condition of their fellow laborers in the great manufacturing centers of the Eastern and Middle States.

AFTER two months of careful investigation in different portions of the British Isles and on the continent, the committee reached New York Thursday evening last. Their report will be of interest to American people of every station in life.

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THE narrow-gauge railroad from Colton to the foothills has wiped out its debt of \$6000 and paid the interest on its bonds. A road from Fresno to the mountains can do as well.

SEARLE has challenged O'Connor and Gaillard to meet him in a friendly rowing contest. Having won the world's championship as the best sculler, Mr. Searle now proposes to have a little sport at the expense of cautious rivals.

PEACHES are selling in London for 62 cents apiece. The poor man in California can have peaches in abundance for himself and family for a dime. The luxuries of the rich in other countries are enjoyed by the poor here.

THE entire sewage of Paris will soon be used for market gardening. Under modern methods of agriculture sewage will soon become as valuable as a fertilizer, that the contamination of rivers by it will be a thing of the past.

THE raisin industry is one that has sprung up as if by magic influence about Fresno. Think of three train loads of raisins per week being shipped north, and the packers asking for more women and girls to arrange the fruit in the boxes!

WE received the first contribution to our Sporting Department yesterday in shape of a couple of fat young geese, killed on the West Side by Messrs. Dow and Childers. Call again, gentlemen. Everyone, excepting sloggers, is cordially invited to hand in their experience.

OAKLAND has a baseball team composed exclusively of Colons. They have already defeated a nine composed of dudes, and are so lately with their victory that they will probably challenge a high school nine. The military heroes cannot always be kept down.

SEVEN deaths were reported from the temperate use of liquor during the month of August, in the entire state of California. Consumption resulted in 139 deaths during the same month, and cancer of the stomach killed seventeen persons.

IT is estimated that the Los Angeles walnut crop will this year bring \$30,000. And there is no more handsome or desirable tree for avenues or for shade wherever required. As a source of beauty and profit combined the walnut tree has no superior.

THIRTY-THREE Hungarian rioters in Pennsylvania have been sentenced to a year each in the workhouse. Transportation to their native country of this class of criminals would be a fair return to those countries which are dumping their lawless element on our shores.

FOUR days yet remain during which exhibits designed for the State Fair will be received and forwarded by the Fresno Board of Trade. Bring in your samples of choice fruit, fish, vegetables, rich minerals, golden grain and other articles calculated to add interest and completeness to the exhibit.

WHEN the State Fair is over the Fresno county exhibit should be brought down the valley and shown at the county fairs. There are several adjoining counties whose people need a little enlightenment upon the practical results of irrigation, and Fresno's exhibit would probably convince them sooner than anything else.

KANSAS City proposes to raise a fund and give \$40,000 annually for five years to secure the location of manufacturing establishments. Fresno should offer substantial inducements for the establishment of woolen mills, a tannery and glove factory, and other manufacturing industries for which the raw materials are produced in the county.

CITIZENS of Johnston have raised \$1000 of a fund necessary to prosecute the South Fork Fishing Club, owners of the dam which caused the great disaster. In the interests of justice as well as for the example it will afford to others who risk human lives through carelessness or parsimony, it is to be hoped the dam owners will be punished.

THE very heavy storms which have prevailed along the Atlantic seaboard during the past week cannot result otherwise than in destitution and great privation to many of the inhabitants. Many thousands of dollars worth of property has been destroyed and some lives lost, but the worst effects are generally realized after such storms have passed.

EVERYWHERE in this issue is an article from the Stockton Independent upon "Police-men's Duties," which we commend to a careful reading by every member of the Fresno police force. It is republished at the request of a member of the Board of Trustees, so that we can assure our local officers that the eyes of at least one member of the Board are upon them.

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AID AMERICAN SHIPPING.

A question that must receive the earnest attention of Congress at its coming session is the one of how to best encourage American shipping interests. The carrying trade of the world is practically in the hands of English ship owners. More than 60 per cent of the freight and passenger business carried on between the United States and other countries is done by vessels built and owned in England, and a good share of the other 40 per cent is carried by vessels flying the flag of some other foreign nation. The carrying trade of the United States upon the high seas naturally belongs to citizens of this country, and our general government should extend to owners of American shipping the same encouragement that foreign ship owners receive from their respective countries. Americans have proven themselves as good ship builders, as expert sailors and as energetic business men as any of their rivals, no matter of what country their nationality, but enterprise in the building of vessels, nor skill in their architecture and navigation, can stand out long in a contest with like energy and skill backed by positive assurance of substantial returns in the way of a subsidy to be paid by the government for every trip made or mile of sea voyage traversed.

AMERICAN ship owners must receive the same encouragement or they will all be forced out of the ocean carrying trade. Congress, at its next session, should provide for the payment of a liberal bonus to every American steamship regularly between any port in the United States and another country. Such action would result in the immediate increase of steamship lines between San Francisco and South American ports, also with Australia and with the Orient. It would result in the establishment of lines from New Orleans to connect with Mexican, Central American and South American ports, and like lines from New York, Boston and other Atlantic Coast cities. Direct steamers would soon ply between this country and Mediterranean ports, and American products would find their way direct into markets from which they are now excluded.

IN addition to the simple requirements of peaceful trade, however, there is a matter involved in this question of subsidizing American-built vessels of the greatest importance to the United States as a nation. The law granting the subsidy should contain certain specifications in regard to the construction of the vessels, every one of which should be of suitable size and dimensions for transformation into a swift and formidable armed cruiser at any time the government might stand in need of such a vessel for war purposes. During such time as the government is enjoying a period of peace, a fleet of splendid vessels are being built and maintained in active service by private enterprise. At the first sound of alarm these vessels are at the disposal of the government, to be paid for of course at a stipulated price. All the government has to do is to put their armaments aboard, place competent crews in charge, and it is ready to engage in a rough-and-tumble affair with any nation whose flag floats over any portion of the merchant marine of the world. With a few first-class ironclads, supplemented with an efficient torpedo flotilla, the regular naval force of our country need not be very extensive because of the ease and rapidly with which the merchant steamers could be converted into destructive engines of naval warfare in case they were ever needed. The cost of subsidizing steamship lines would be a mere nothing compared to the cost of keeping a number of such vessels in commission.

ONE of the most urgent needs of this section now is a great fruit and vegetable canning establishment. There are thousands of acres of good land adapted to the growth of tomatoes, peas, cucumbers, cauliflower, etc., to say nothing of the peaches, pears and other fresh fruit now bought up and sent to San Jose, Oakland and San Francisco canners. All this fruit could be canned cheaper at home than elsewhere, and the money paid out for this work should go to the wage earners of Fresno. Can we not have such an institution in running order by next season? If work was commenced this fall looking to the formation of a company and the erection of a suitable plant, there would be a large acreage planted to products most sought by canners.

IN the traveling exhibit sent East during the past season under the auspices of the State Board of Trade, and familiarly known as "California on Wheels," Fresno so far outshone all other portions of the state that the Board of Trade feels called upon to send their representative through the northern circuit belt to collect exhibits for the cars now being prepared for a like trip through the East during the coming winter and next summer. Joseph McDonald, who had charge of the last exhibit has been assigned to the duty of collecting products, and will visit Sacramento, Napa and Santa Clara counties this week for that purpose.

CHINESE are stealing over the boundary line from Mexico into Southern California. There is no legal way to restrain them only to catch them and return them to Mexican soil. If the laboring people of that section would organize and let it become widely known that any Chinaman caught in the act of stealing into this country would be hung, there would be a decided falling off in the number of proscribed immigrants. It might be found necessary to hang a few coolies to let others know that the organization meant business, but the ultimate effect would be good.

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THE prudent citizen will buy his winter fuel before the rains set in.

VANARA does not propose to be behind time, and is to have a town clock costing \$600.

IT comes high to live in Mojave, Arizona. The tax levy in that county, is \$4.20 on the \$100.

THE Board of Trustees should pass a resolution thanking Constable Morgan for his efforts to suppress gambling inside the city limits.

LOCAL sports can make our department of sporting news more interesting by giving the sporting editor the tip when there is anything breezy in the wind.

WHY should vineyard land be assessed at \$100 an acre and equally good land adjoining it be valued at only \$50 an acre simply because it is devoted to wheat-raising?

AN effort is being made in Iowa to strip all legal documents of the useless verbiage usually contained in such documents. The idea should be taken up in other states.

ONE of the first internal revenue taxes to be abolished by Congress is that now imposed on California wines. All tax ought to be remitted on wine made the present season.

OUR state Legislature should enact a law to the effect that all land set to forest or orchard trees or to grape vines should be exempt from taxation for a period of five years.

WITH the increased interest now being taken in irrigation matters in adjoining counties Fresno will have to begin to devise means of better utilizing her surplus winter water supply.

PEOPLE who never advertise are generally the last to run into a newspaper office to inquire where to find a purchaser if they have anything to sell, or a seller if they want to buy.

HENRY WATSON, an old Virginian at Santa Ana, is a happy grandfather sixty times. He has one son and six daughters, married. There is something in that southern climate after all.

SANTA PAULA comes to the front with the boom pumpkin story. A farmer near there claims to have grown four on one vine which will weigh 200 pounds each. They will be exhibited at Los Angeles.

IT is now surmised that the name of Watsonville will be changed to Sprecklestown. The sugar king is now running his best-sugar factory there night and day. Sugarville would sound as sweet.

THE Chinese in San Francisco are said to pay \$25,000 for the privilege of gambling, etc. It's rather expensive, but the Mongolians must be taught to respect our institutions if it does cost them a good deal.

QUITE a number of prominent Republican voters are expected to take part in the Arizona campaign this fall. The principles of protection are to be taught by such men as Reed, McKinley, Henderson and others.

WORK on the sewers is "progressing," but the winter season is coming. It makes the average Mariposa street business man sick to consider the probable condition of that thoroughfare during the rainy season.

THE probability of a general European war is thought to be the cause of the increased anxiety on the part of English capitalists to find investments in the United States. The war appears, however, to be more a possibility than a probability.

CALIFORNIA is the healthiest state in the Union. Consumptive cases here from every section of the country die, and deaths from this one cause amount to more than those caused by any other three causes, yet the percentage of deaths is lower in this state than in any other.

THE fool who claims to have gone over Niagara Falls in a barrel says he wants to do it again for money. If there are enough fools who will raise the money and become accessory to a probable suicide there is nothing to prevent the foolhardy act unless the law should interfere.

GOON land is not worth any more in vineyard than if used for sheep pasture. It is not right to run up values 1000 per cent on a man's land as soon as he plants it to orchard or vineyard. All land should be assessed without regard to the crop being grown upon it, and land equally good in quality and located with equal facilities for irrigation, nearness to market, etc., should bear equal proportions of the state and county taxes.

FRESNO needs a first-class market where produce of all kinds can be handled in quantity. This market should be centrally located, the buildings so arranged that teams can drive up in front and rear, and those controlling it should be men of broad ideas, energetic, and with sufficient capital to develop the business in a manner in keeping with the present size and importance of our city. There is no better business opening in the state than that of a great produce market in Fresno.

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IMMIGRATION DISTRICTS.

The promoters of the Turlock irrigation district have reached a substantial footing at last. This was the first district organized under the Wright law, and in the face of the most bitter and unscrupulous opposition those who were favorable to irrigation have carried each point legally, from the petition asking the Board of Supervisors of Stanislaus county to order an election through every stage up to and including the issuance and sale of the bonds voted for the purpose of building the canals, until to-day the commissioners of the district are provided with an abundance of money with which to begin the work of excavating the canals, and there is no longer any way to legally retard the consummation of the objects sought to be accomplished by the formation of the district.

Many other irrigation districts are in process of organization in different portions of the state, and the success that has crowned the efforts of the energetic people of Turlock will lend encouragement to all similar undertakings. Kern, Tulare, Colusa and other counties are organizing like districts, and the western portion of Fresno county is also to be included in a great irrigation district. Now that nothing is required to form an irrigation district except a majority of the people living within the bounds of the proposed district and a strict compliance with the law in the matter of effecting an organization, the question naturally arises, would that portion of Fresno county lying between Kings and the San Joaquin rivers already irrigated, or susceptible of being irrigated, not be better off as an irrigation district rather than to have water controlled by individuals as at present? The practical working of the Turlock district will doubtless be watched with interest by Fresno people. If the distribution of water in that district gives satisfaction to the consumers, it is quite probable that an effort will be made to organize an irrigation district to include all the land now irrigated by the various canals taking water from Kings river near Corcoranville and all the land that can possibly be irrigated by water from either of these canals. The organization of such a district would be a tremendous undertaking, and it is a matter which should receive the most careful consideration before being urged or attempted. The present unsatisfactory methods of distributing water will prove a powerful leverage in favor of a change, however, when the proposition of an irrigation district shall come before the people. Fresno can afford to make haste slowly in this matter. A good thing must not be thrown away or even allowed to remain idle on the prospect of something better. We will see how the Turlock and other districts are managed, and whether the people who live in those districts are satisfied under the new order of things. When unqualified success is attained elsewhere Fresno can afford to make irrigation a question of politics.

COUNTY VALUES.

FRESNO now ranks fifth in number among the wealthy counties of the state. San Francisco of course heads the list, with an assessed value of \$305,710,405, Los Angeles coming next with \$100,686,486, then Alameda with \$60,860,331, Santa Clara with \$51,127,646, San Joaquin county follows closely with \$37,010,675, then Sacramento with \$35,250,700 and San Diego with \$32,250,280. Last year Fresno stood seventh, being outranked by San Diego and San Joaquin. San Diego county is assessed for \$9,216,129 less this year than last. San Joaquin added \$3,824,990 to her last year's valuation. The great grain producing counties show the least change during the year, Colusa losing \$125,554, Contra Costa \$237,410, Ventura \$483,753, Merced \$659,934, and Tulare \$11,810, while San Joaquin gained \$61,374, Solano \$267,239, Stanislaus \$10,447, Tehama \$231,225, Yuba \$434,240 and Yuba \$62,503. Here is a good lesson showing the value of irrigation in a dry season. Fresno, the least irrigated county in the state increased in value \$3,824,990 during the year. Kern, the next best irrigated county added \$1,282,098 to her assessed value. Los Angeles, in the face of the "boom" collapse, increased her assessment roll \$37,892. San Diego and San Bernardino's depreciation of town lot values more than offset the increased value of irrigated land. With the formation of irrigation districts in Stanislaus county and the building of ditches came an immediate increase in the value of farming lands. Irrigation districts have also been provided for in Colusa, Merced, Tulare and Kern counties since this year's assessment was levied, and when next year's tax levy is made we shall look with confidence for a substantial increase in property values in each of those counties.

MODES OF EXPRESSION.

Discussion of any character serves to develop the intellect and will therefore improve the social condition of common humanity. Honest opinions should be fearlessly expressed, and it is equally the privilege of an individual to choose the form in giving such expression. Men whose judgment is often the best are frequently deterred from expressing an opinion upon an important subject from a sensitive feeling about forms of expression. This is known to be a bugbear by the best educated people, for particular forms of language are adopted for exclusive purposes, and reflect a motive of deception—the proof of which is readily observed when a person will refuse to listen to an argument because the form of expression is not in perfect accord with his own conceit. Such action is really to distract attention and awe the man of crude, yet honest expression, into silence. It is really the idea that is feared, and people who depend upon an extravagant form of language to maintain their exclusiveness will devote their whole time to so confounding language that the common interests of humanity may be monopolized to their own advantage. The education most needed is a simple method of language, by which means a more universal understanding would be possible. The English language, susceptible of so many and diversified modes of expression, is really too perplexing to the average English-speaking people, to say nothing of those who have tried to adopt our customs and dialect, should be simplified. How to accomplish this is a nut for Harvardians would like to see our public teachers and learned professors try to crack.

WHAT has become of the Stockton, Fresno & Southern Railroad?

SAN BERNARDINO is the banner barley county this year. The banner is all right, but the profits are small.

OUR justice is not to be tampered with. A citizen of that state is now in jail for trying to pull the nose of a justice of the peace.

A Downey fruit-grower has sold his fig crop to a Los Angeles firm for \$50 a ton. They will be dried. There's going to be a boom in fig growing in California.

THE price of brick at Seattle has gone up to \$10 per thousand. The demand is very large, but a hard-hearted brick trust probably has something to do with the price.

THE Chinese, it is estimated, send \$12,000,000 from this coast to China annually. That would be a snug sum to add to the amount which now keeps up our volume of trade and business.

A colony of Benches people are going to El Dorado county to possess 20,000 acres of land. That will beat digging claims and waiting for something to turn up in a sleepy town on the bay.

GAZAR fissures have formed in the streets of Lerida, a town in Spain, from which strong sulphureous fumes are rising. That begins to look as though something profane is liable to pop at any minute.

THE contractor who is putting in Fresno's sewers says that Mariposa street will be ready for paving as soon as the pavers are ready to do the work. What are the City Trustees going to do about it?

THE industrial world is elated at the fact that hides can be tanned perfectly by a new process in twenty-four hours. The man who was a school boy fifty years ago knew then that they could be tanned beautifully in fifteen minutes.

A WEST Virginian trained a tiny stream of water to fall drop by drop on a rock, and in five years it has worn a hole seven inches deep in solid stone. And yet many people persist in pouring water down their throats all their lives, and insist that it is not harmful.

RAISIN picking has commenced in earnest in the Highland, Redland and Riverside districts, says a Los Angeles paper of the 16th. At that time about one-half the Fresno raisin crop was cured, and train loads of raisins had been shipped to the eastern markets.

RAISIN-PACKERS work ten hours a day in Fresno, and commencing next week extra hours will be required for supper. As it is all piecework this means longer hours and more pay for all the women and girls in Fresno who are not above honest labor.

SEVERAL southern California towns are working hard for the location of beet-sugar factories. Fresno has plenty of good sugar beet lands, but the important matter of cultivating them and securing a refinery does not receive the attention which its importance warrants.

ORANGE groves near Alhambra, says the Los Angeles Times, are reported as now entirely free from white scale, the pest that threatened their destruction. The Australian beetle which was introduced only about three months ago, has exterminated them. The value of the beetle is simply incalculable.

A STRANGER who returned to Fresno a few days ago, after an absence of some months since his previous visit, said to a Republican representative: "You newspaper men write a great deal about Fresno county, but you don't make it half strong enough in her favor. Fresno beats the world, and after looking the coast over from Seattle to San Diego, I am anchored here for good."

THE San Bernardino Times-Index says that the price of raisins has been advancing and has reached 5 cents per pound. Fresno raisins brought 5 cents per pound from the time the market opened and more than 6 cents per pound have been paid for choice lots. The reason is obvious. Fresno brands command the highest prices in the Eastern market.

UPON another page we give an extract from the Stockton Independent, which gives the decision of the Superior Court of San Joaquin county, in the matter of the West Side Irrigation District, more fully than it appeared in our telegraph report yesterday morning. We hope that those having the matter in charge will recommence their fight at once and persevere until the district is organized and in good running order.

THE Sacramento city department of justice seems to be hopelessly under the wheel of fortune, which was convulsed as an unlawful game in Fresno and the judgment of the lower court confirmed by the Supreme Court only a few weeks ago, is held to be a legal game in the state capital. Judge Armstrong should be presented with a fine pin modeled after a wheel of fortune.











**Destruction.**

From the Daily of Tuesday.

One of the saddest accidents that happened in this city occurred yesterday.

Henry C. Church, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr and Mrs. George E. Church of this city, fell through the floor of a stove in the new schoolhouse on the corner of Santa Clara and C streets

distance of forty-nine feet from ground, and was almost instantly killed. The public schools had been closed the summer vacation, and yesterday morning the pupils in the higher grades

BOYISH CURIOSITY.  
Professor Heaton at the time was engaged in assigning pupils to the different classes. He was seated near the

door, and fast as the scholars and their rooms were designated to them. The deceased, Frank Homan, Percy Church and Denny, had already been passed and had been assigned to rooms up

Upon reaching their room they found it vacant, and, naturally enough, looking about and examining the place where their time would be devoted to their studies for months to come. Satisfying their curiosity here, they went on a flight of stairs leading

opened into another stairway thence into the large room just under the roof. In the last door a key had been left was probably due to this oversight. Young Church lost his life. After

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A BAD SIGHT.

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of his school mate, who had fallen upon the cement steps into the basement, and almost of two workmen, who were painting the building. Almost instantly present seemed to realize what happened, and in less than half

the lad was carried up the steps on the ground. He was still George E. Church; the boy's company with several friends interested in the school, were in- ing. Mr. Church rushed forward, his son, crying, "Ob-

son!" And then, realizing what had happened, he played his arm dying boy's head and wept. Life remained in the mangled seconds as though awaiting the death. There was no

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At the inquest Dr. Mau examined the remains and found that the right hip had broken and the left hip broken; and of the spinal column in the

back. The right leg was bent and the right arm. The doctor said that he was about the neck being broken he had not discovered any of the brain, notwithstanding the forehead.

NO ONE TO BLAME.

The Coroner's jury returned a verdict that death was caused by the fracture of the spinal column of the deceased, which occurred while he was falling at the new K-street bridge, the same being an accident.

In an interview with F. he said that he had not the pupils in regard to the from the fact that he had tunity of doing so, but who were connected with

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